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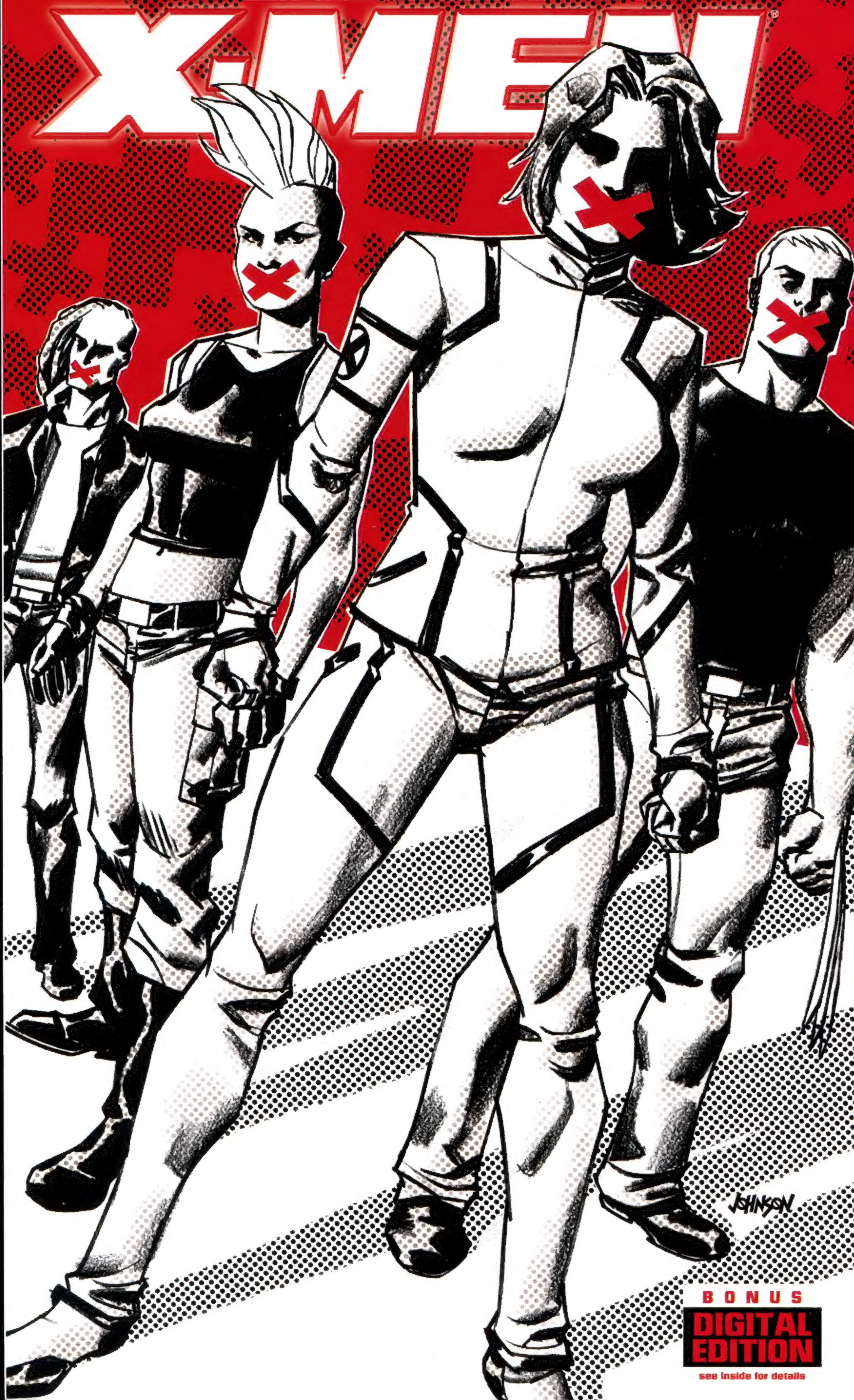
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**LIVING IN A WORLD  
WHERE MUTANTS ARE  
HATED AND FEARED MORE  
THAN EVER, ONE GROUP  
OF YOUNG HEROES HAS  
BANDED TOGETHER TO  
FIGHT BACK.**

# ULTIMATE COMICS **X-MEN**



## PREVIOUSLY:

The US Army's at Utopia's front door. And Kitty doesn't have much time.

When General Ross informed Kitty that the Utopia mutants were now the property of the US Government, everything got out of hand. One of Ross's soldiers took a shot at Kitty. And now war is on the horizon.

With only 12 hours to save their home, rival Mach Two and her followers have come back to join the Utopia mutants in their fight against the government. Jimmy's been readying the troops for battle, against Kitty's wishes. And even Jean Grey has put aside her espionage agenda to protect Utopia...for now, at least.

But just when it appears that all the mutants are finally working together towards a common goal, a traitor reveals herself. It turns out that Jean Grey isn't the only mutant with a secret identity...

Can Utopia withstand the government siege? Who will win out in the battle of the telepaths? And with all of these former enemies working together, does Kitty still get to call the shots?

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"Signal is strong,  
General Ross..."



...we have  
all the Utopia  
mutants clearly  
identified.

Don't  
use that  
word.



Sir?

"Utopia." It'll  
only get in the  
way of what we're  
doing. This is  
government  
land.

Yes,  
sir.



No more than a  
hundred mutants,  
I figure. Mostly  
concentrated  
here, and here.

Can you  
maintain this  
surveillance?

All day,  
sir.

Good.  
It's our one  
advantage.

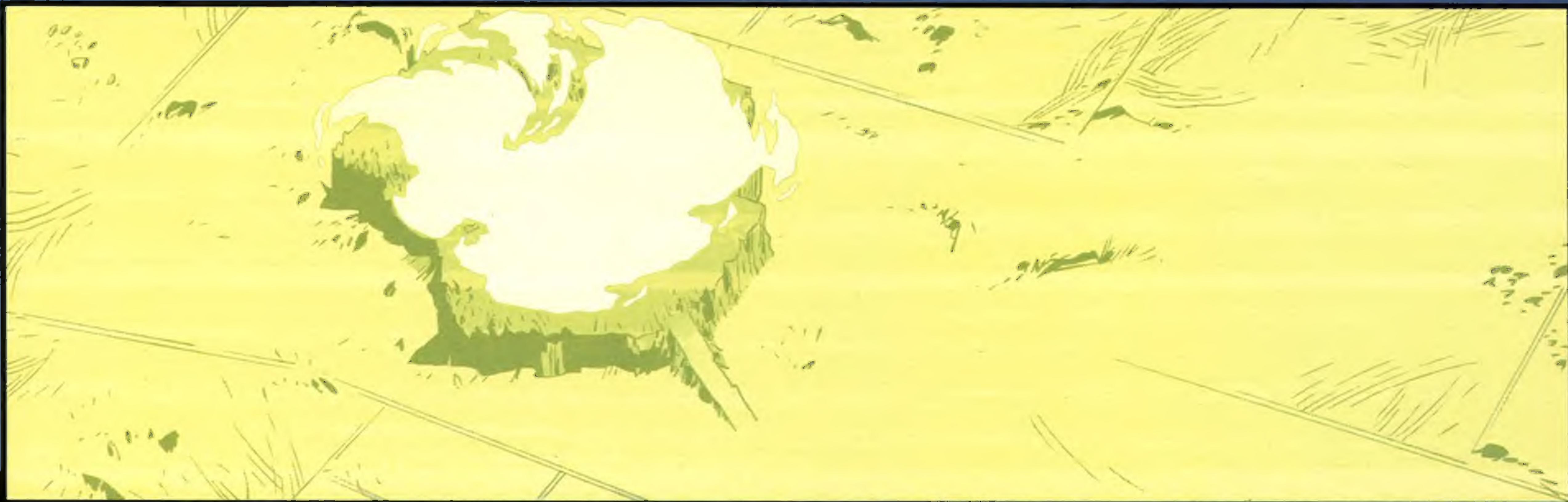
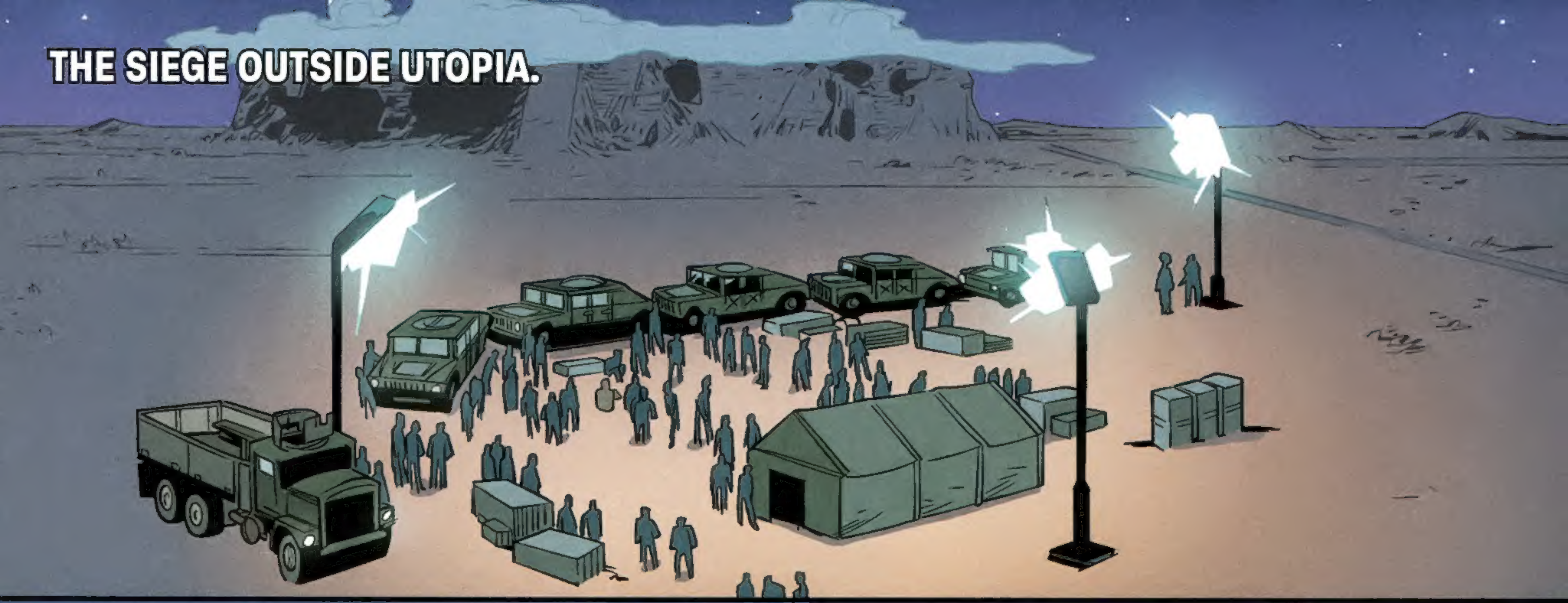
We can  
flank them,  
drop suppressives,  
even hit them with  
active fire if  
necessary.



Whatever  
happens, your  
drone will be  
our eyes.



THE SIEGE OUTSIDE UTOPIA.



FARBIRD.  
JEAN GREY'S AERIAL RECON.  
STANDING BY FOR ORDERS.

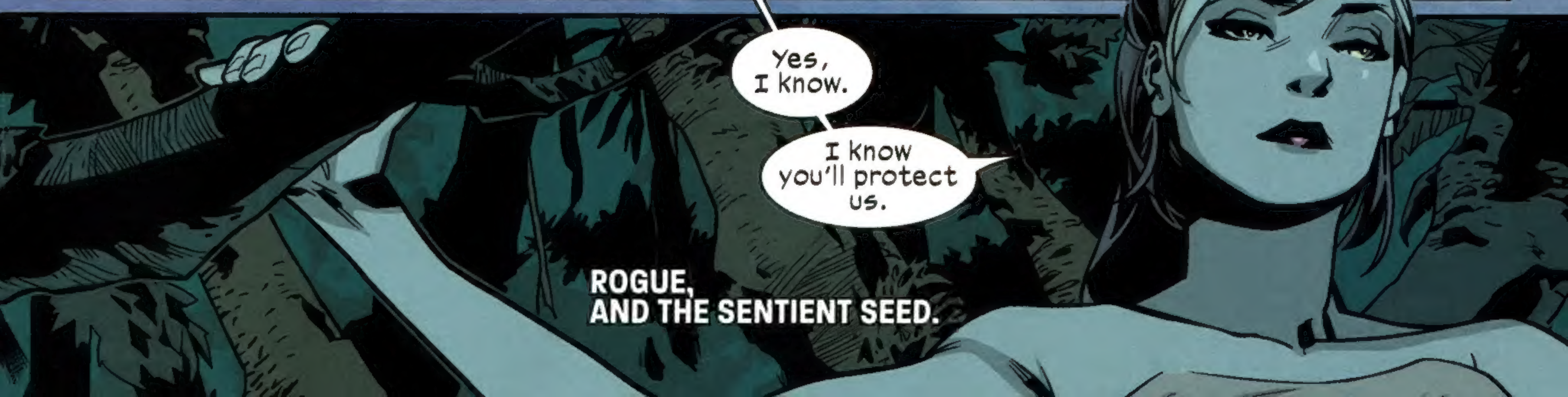


They will  
come soon,  
I think.

Yes,  
I know.

I know  
you'll protect  
us.

ROGUE,  
AND THE SENTIENT SEED.







THE VILLAGE.



MICROMAX.

WARPATH.

STORM.

SHOLA.

ARMOR.

BLACKHEATH.

JAMES HUDSON.

...  
They're taking their sweet time.

Are you in some kind of rush, James?



Yes!

This is what I've been waiting for! This is the other shoe dropping. I say bring it on!

It'll come.



Remember in the desert, Hudson? How we took out those militia pukes?

I'm dying to go all *meteor strike apocalypse* on these guys here.



When they come, Shola. When they come.

The first shot will be theirs, but after that...

...it's all us.











# ***NATURAL RESOURCES PART FOUR***

***WOOD ASRAR***

***VLASCO BELLAIRE***





It's begun.



I know. This is all your doing, isn't it?

I have to say, from one psychic to another: I'm impressed.

What about Kitty Pryde?

JEAN GREY.



Inconsequential.

But not to you, I see. That's interesting.

You're not who you say you are, that much is clear.

PSYLOCKE.



...

And you aren't alone, are you?

"Farbird." I'm not sensing too much from him...



Bit of a limited intelligence, there. But he's certainly carrying a torch for you, isn't he?

Stop that.

How cute.



Let's see...

"Farbird, this is Jean Grey. Change of plans: I need you to stand down, return home."

MISTRESS?



Unf!

"You heard me, Farbird. Comply immediately."

AT ONCE.  
FARBIRD OUT.

That was easy. And impressions usually aren't my thing. Good thing bird boy's not so bright.

...why...

What was it you just said? "Level the playing field"?



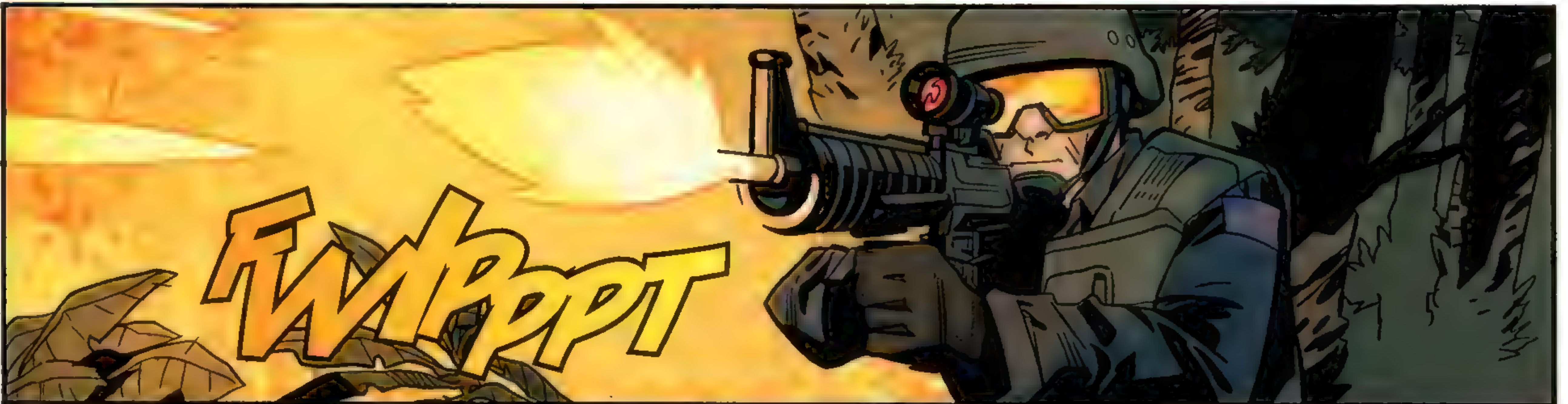
Are you that arrogant...

KRAKXXXX

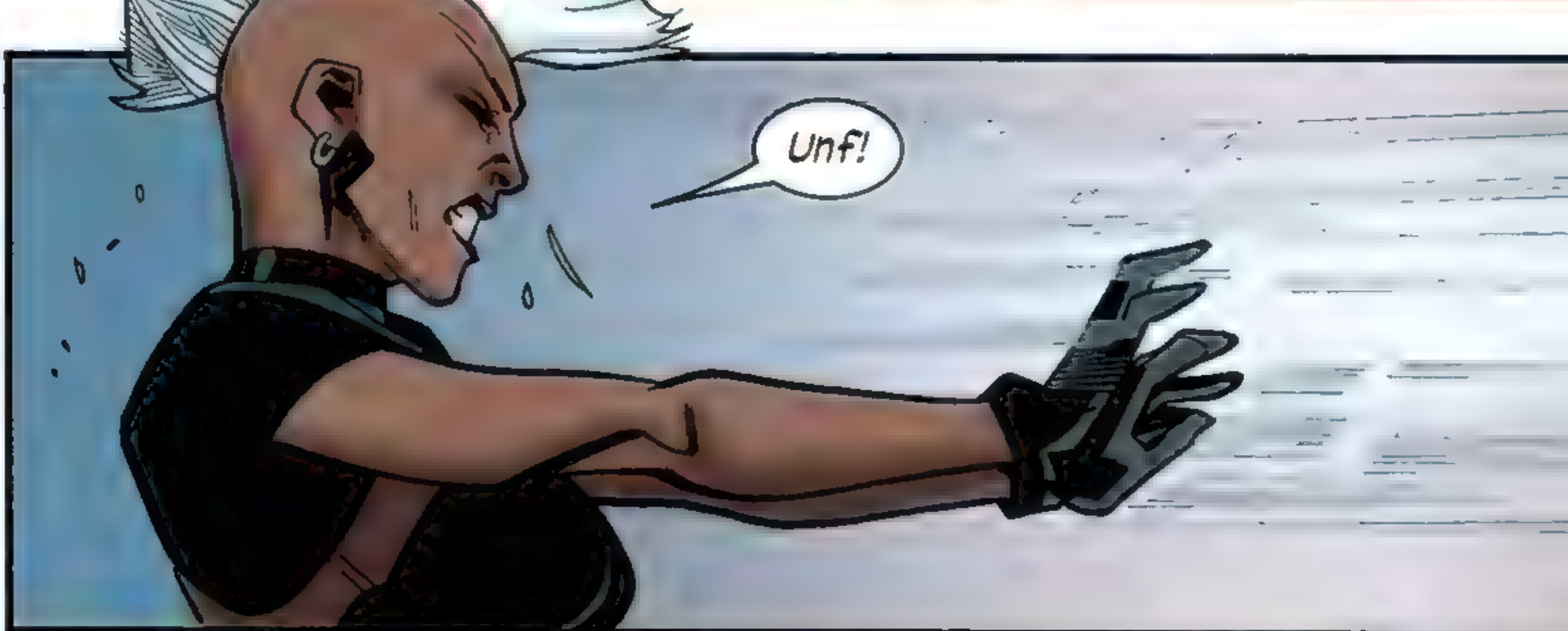
...you think you're the only omega level out here today?



OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE.











**BLAM**







Did you hear that?  
Gunfire.



One of the soldiers shot Storm. But she's alive, I can feel her.

Me too.



I can try again with another soldier. One with better aim...

...or you can quit Utopia and stay out of my operation. Your choice.

The blood's on your hands, either way.



You did that? But--

Who *are* you, anyway? Not the *real* Psylocke. I can see that now.



I've been working to take Kitty Pryde and this godforsaken "Utopia" down since day one.

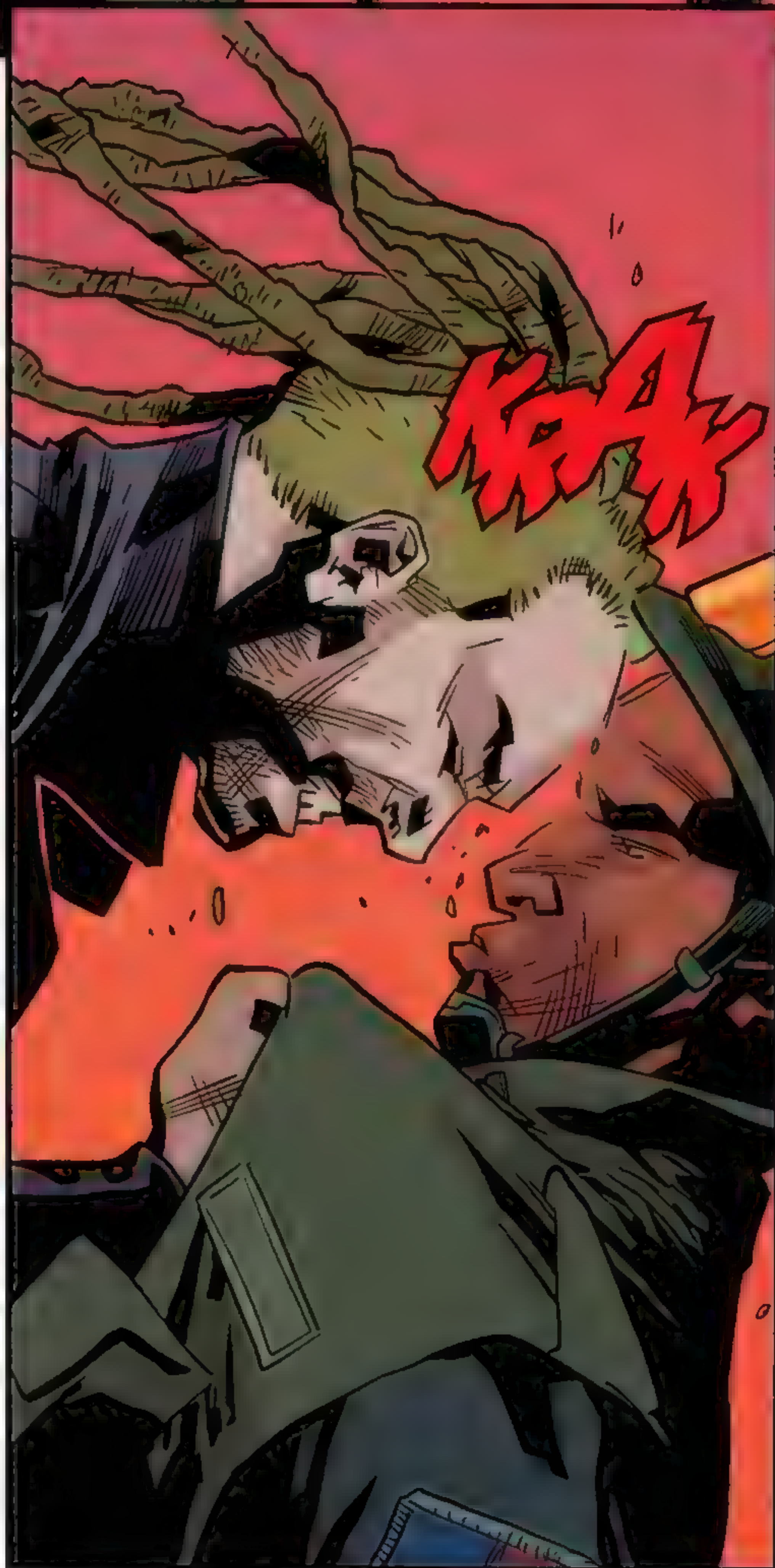
Everything: the bombings, the defections, every double cross and every shot fired by those soldiers...

Don't look so stricken.



Are your reasons for being here so charitable and honest?









That *was* something. Do you have some sort of hidden mutant streetfighter ability or something?



Nah, I just love you.

I didn't mean to undermine you by going a bit caveman there.

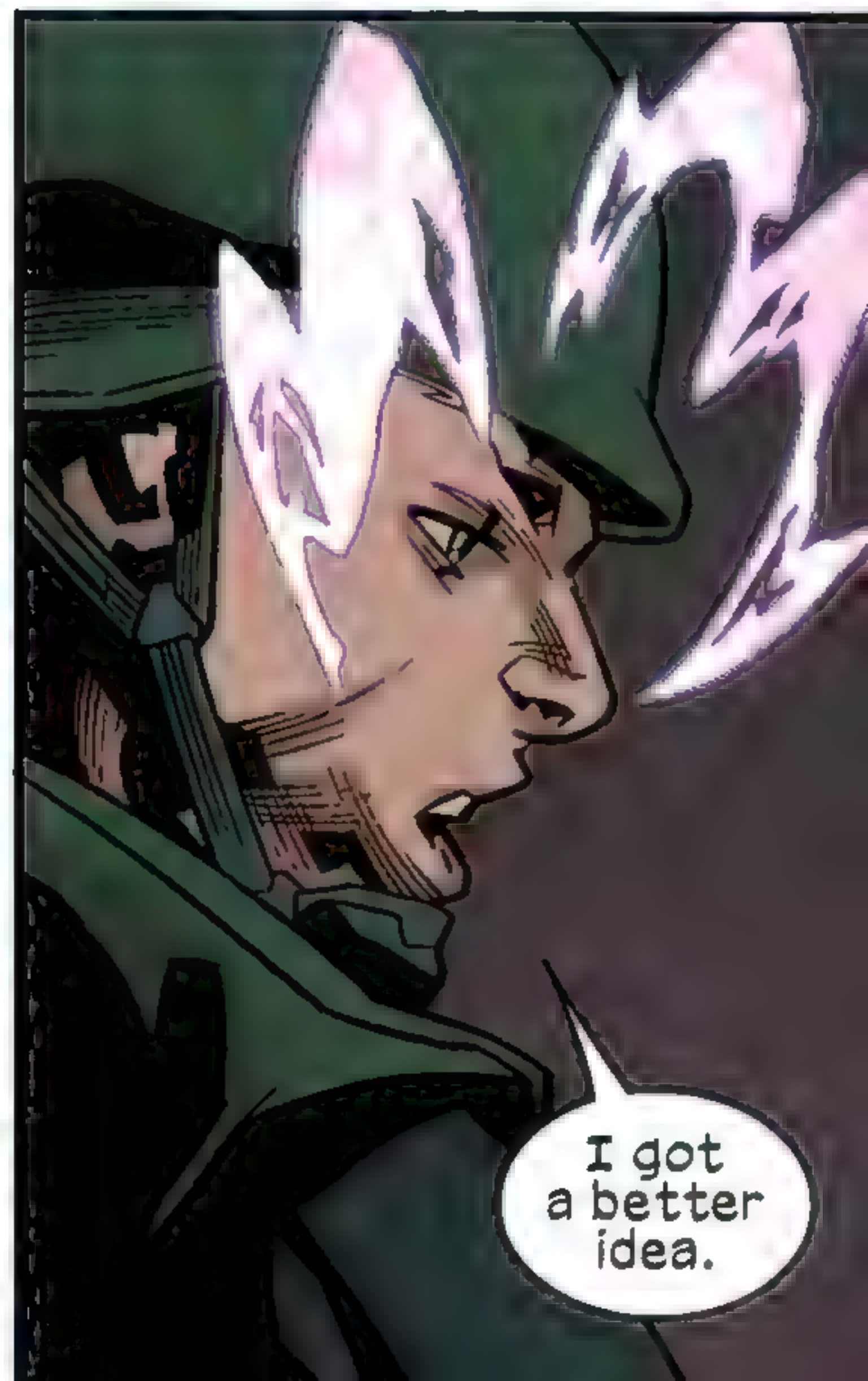


Shut up.



Hold it. We'll never win this way.

Hand me a grenade.



I got a better idea.



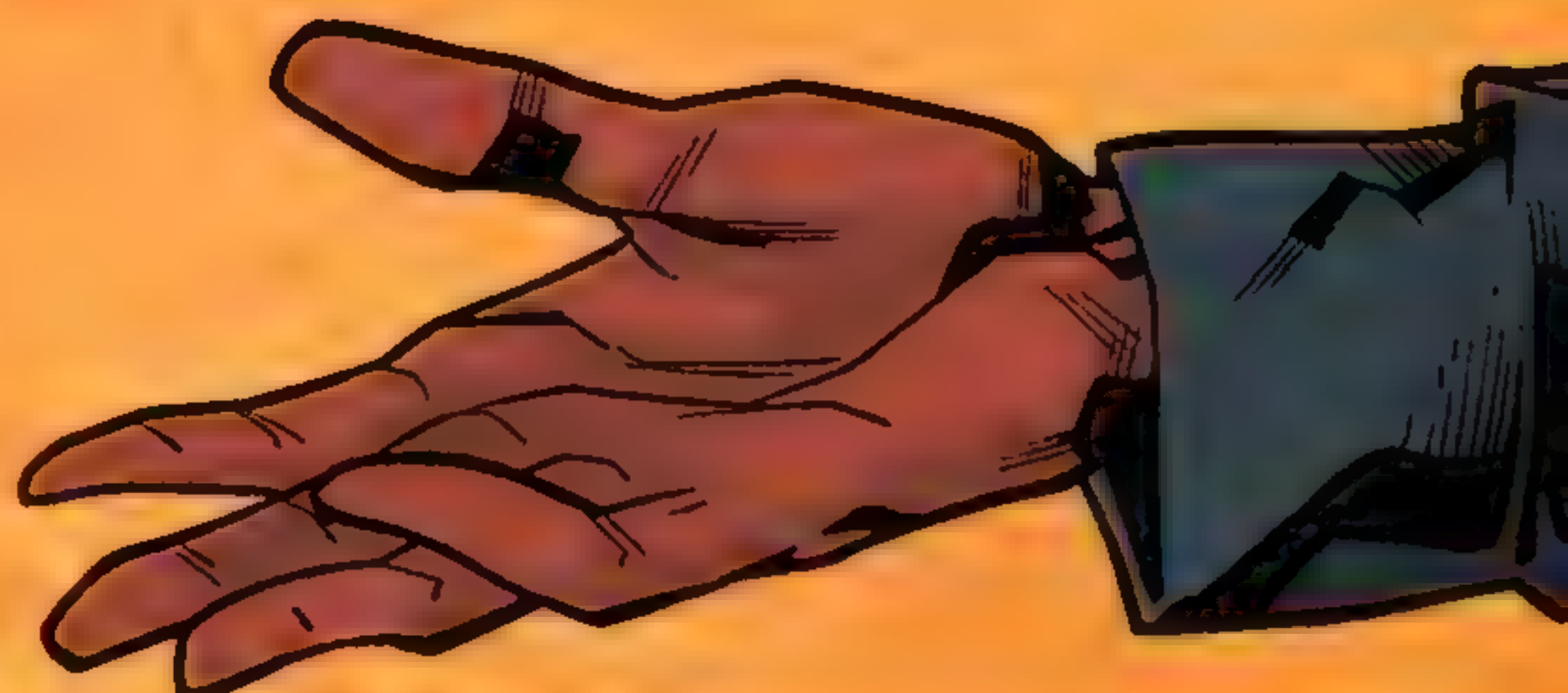
Utopia's future is Tian's.  
A unified mutant race,  
under our control, is  
what will protect our kind  
from the anger and  
hatred of the world.



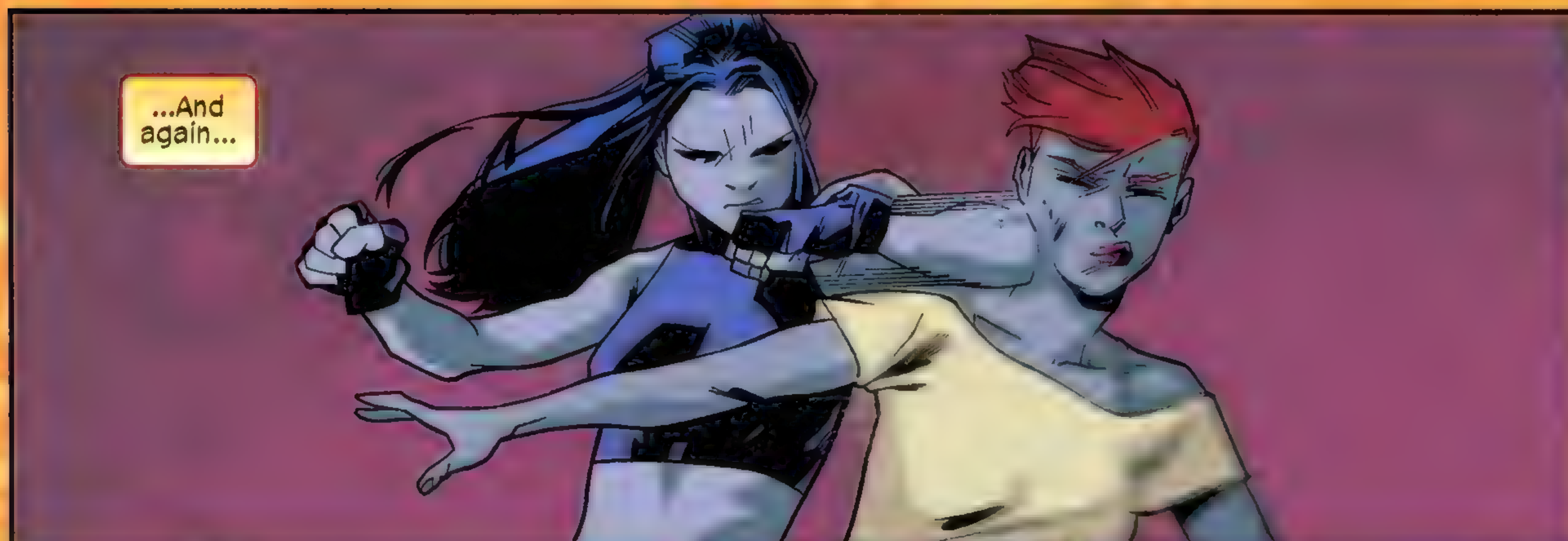
For this, what is  
happening here,  
it will not stop.



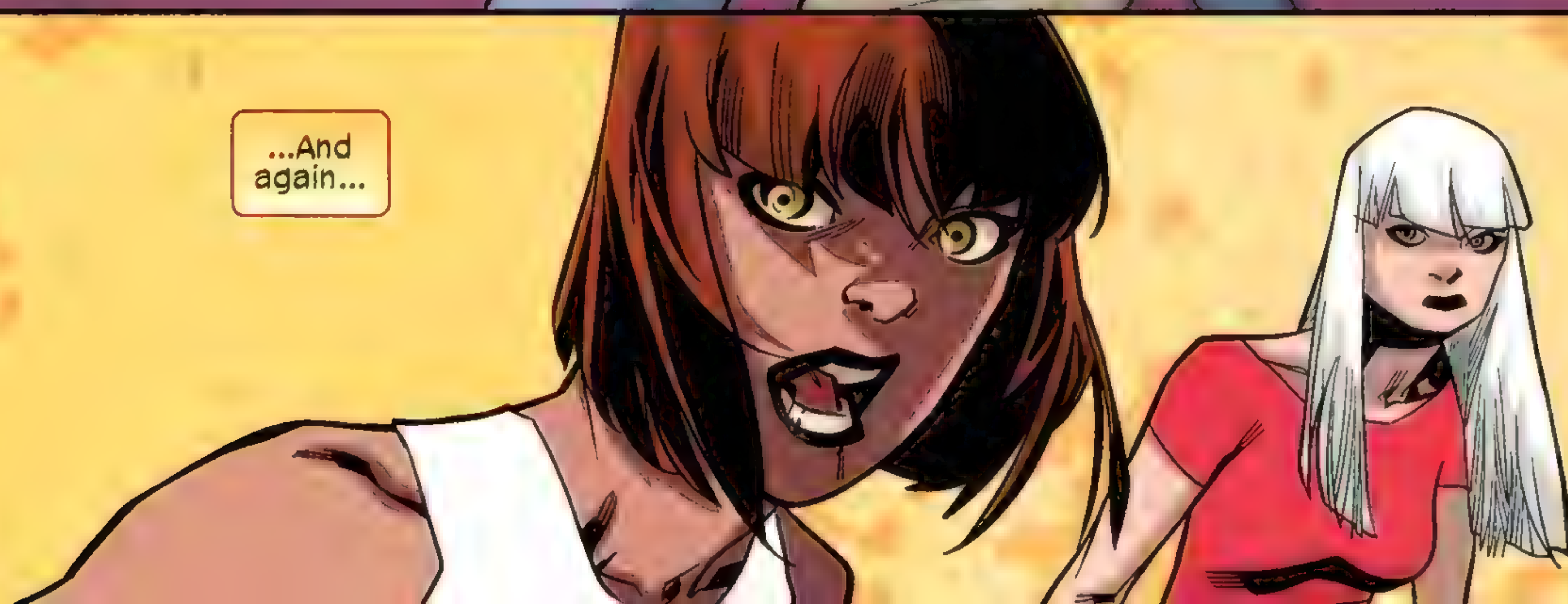
It will happen  
again...



...And  
again...



...And  
again...





...Until our whole  
future goes up  
in flames.

I'm Jean Grey of Tian.  
The beautiful city in  
the sky, safe harbor  
for all mutants.

The only future  
available for  
people like us.



The *only*  
future.

Whoever  
or whatever  
you are...

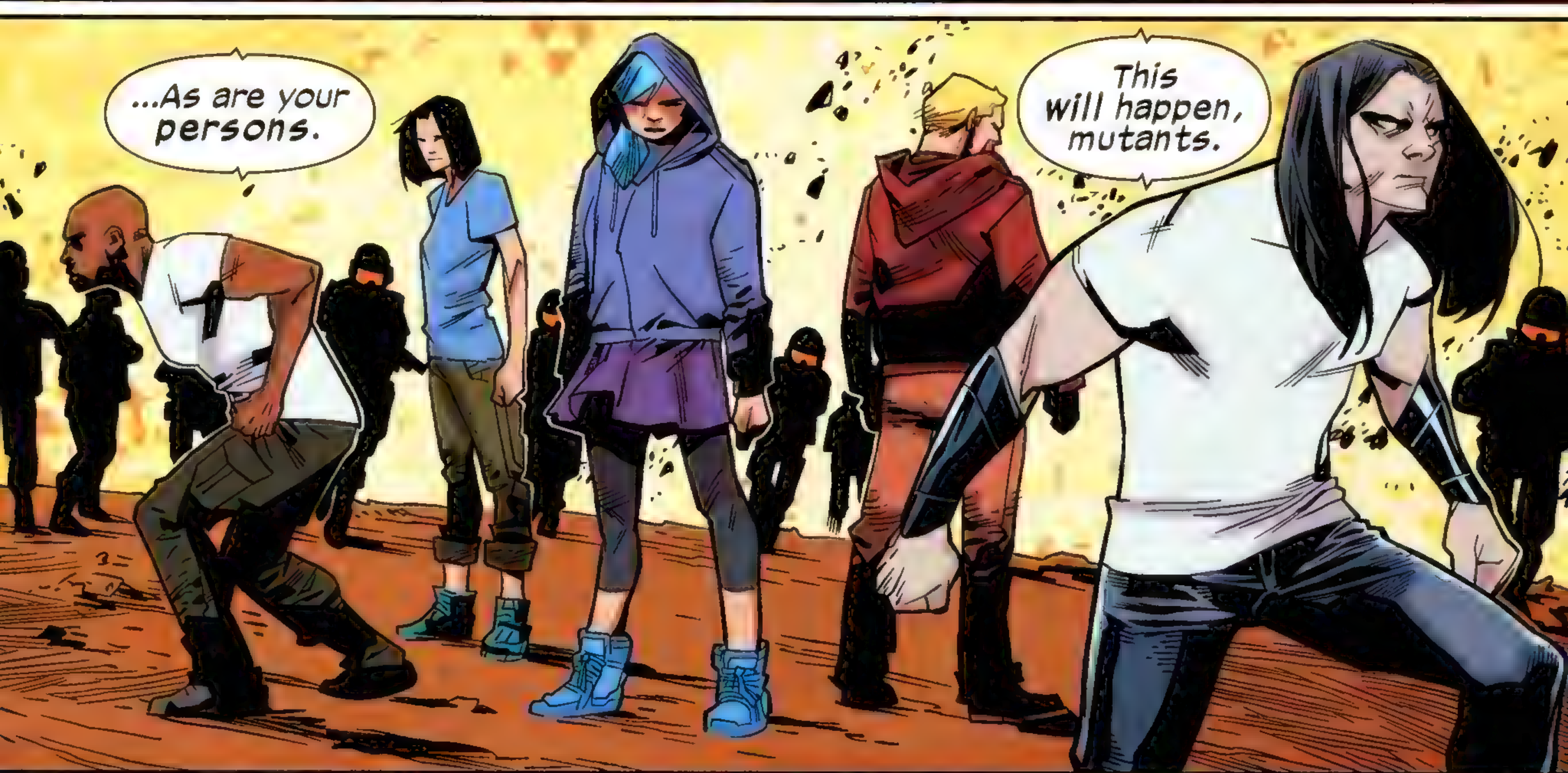
...I will  
*kill* you.



Ha. Like  
that frightens  
me.













Do you  
feel the  
flames?

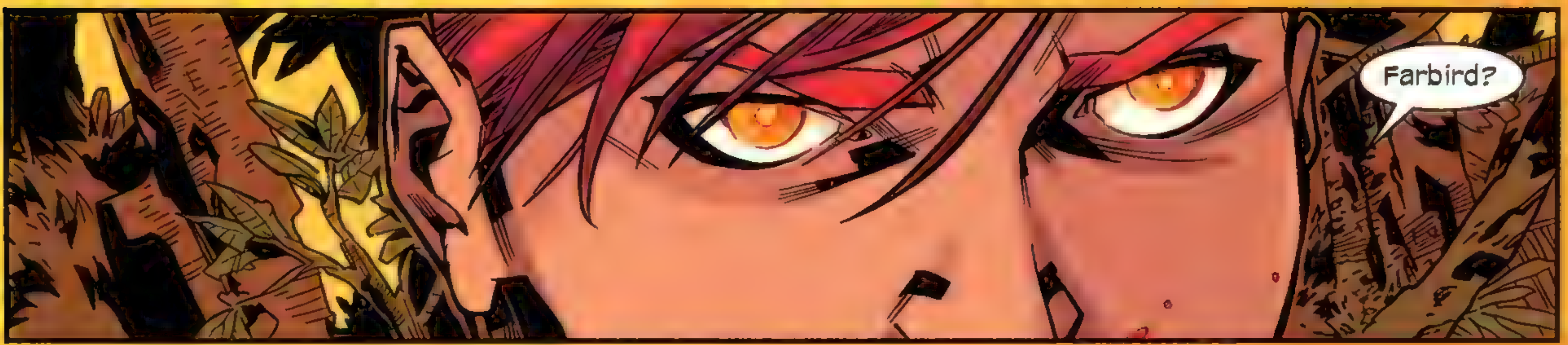
This is the  
death stroke  
for both you and  
this miserable  
"Utopia."



Maybe once  
this place is in  
cinders, and its  
population in  
chains...



...I'll  
pay a visit  
to Tian?

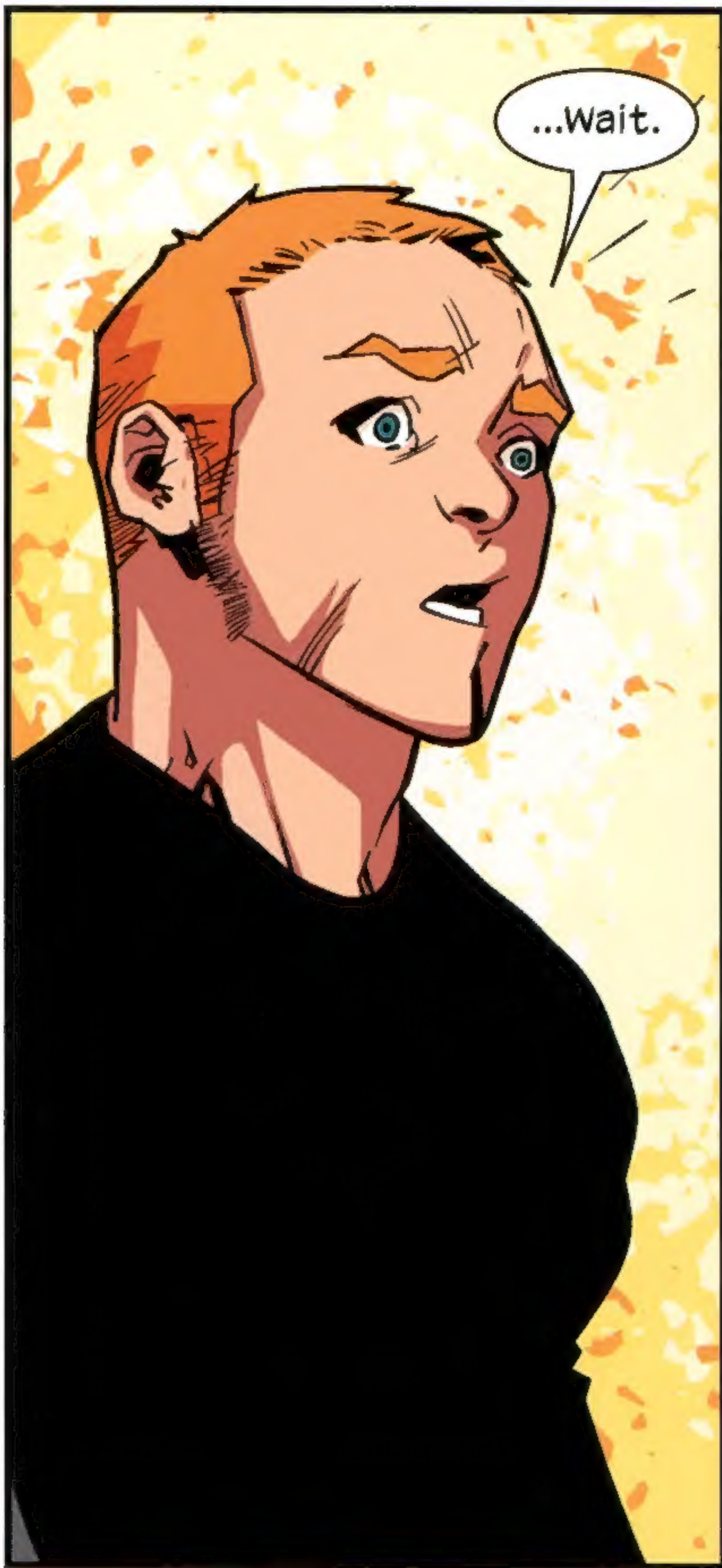


Farbird?













Utopia,  
now.

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